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FCC Mail Room

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION,

I WRITE TO YOU REGARDING PROCEEDING  
NUMBER 14-28, PROTECTING AND PROMOTING  
THE OPEN INTERNET. THE REASON I WRITE  
YOU, IS ALTOGETHER TOO IRONIC. I  
HEARD THAT COMMENTS COULD BE  
SUBMITTED AT [www.fcc.gov/comments](http://www.fcc.gov/comments),  
BUT THE LINKS TO THE PROCEEDING  
AND FILLINGS WERE SO OVERWHELMED,  
THEY HAD STOPPED RESPONDING. IT  
IS ALTOGETHER FRUSTRATING, WHEN  
YOU'RE TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH  
SOMEONE, BUT YOU CANNOT. TRYING  
TO RELAY INFORMATION YOU FIND  
IMPORTANT, TO PEOPLE THAT WOULD LIKE  
TO HEAR IT, AND FAILING, IS EXTREMELY  
UPSETTING.

THE FCC'S MISSION STATEMENT,  
AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION ONE OF THE  
COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934 AND AMENDED  
BY THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996  
READS THAT YOU WISH TO "MAKE AVAILABLE  
SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, TO ALL THE PEOPLE  
OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION  
ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION,  
NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR SEX, RAPID, EFFICIENT,  
NATION-WIDE, AND WORLD-WIDE RADIO AND  
WIRE COMMUNICATION SERVICES WITH  
ADEQUATE FACILITIES AT REASONABLE  
CHARGES."

THREATENING THE OPEN INTERNET DIRECTLY VIOLATES THIS STATEMENT. MANY COMPANIES HAVE PLEADED TO YOU, HOPING TO JUSTIFY PRACTICES, THAT, I FIND, VIOLATE YOUR MISSION STATEMENT, AND A FEW OF YOUR SIX GOALS (BROADBAND, COMPETITION, SPECTRUM, MEDIA, PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY, AND MODERNIZE THE FCC). THE 1993 GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS ACT (GPRA) READS "REGULATORY POLICIES MUST PROMOTE TECHNOLOGICAL NEUTRALITY, COMPETITION, INVESTMENT, AND INNOVATION". APPLY THIS TO THE LITTLE GUY WHO WANTS TO START UP A WEBSITE. IF INTERNET PROVIDERS ARE ALLOWED TO VIOLATE THE OPEN INTERNET, THEY CAN TELL THE LITTLE GUY TO PAY BIG BUCKS OR HAVE SLOW INTERNET. LITTLE GUY'S WEBSITE WAS A REALLY GREAT IDEA, A FREE PLATFORM FOR EDUCATING PEOPLE ABOUT A NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT RECENTLY DEVELOPED. UNFORTUNATELY, HIS WEBSITE IS SLOW BECAUSE HE CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR THE BETTER SERVICE, AND PEOPLE CANNOT EASILY ACCESS THIS FREE EDUCATION.

AS I STATED EARLIER, IT IS ALTOGETHER FRUSTRATING WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH SOMEONE, BUT YOU CANNOT. LITTLE GUY CAN'T COMMUNICATE. HE CAN'T COMPETE WITH THE BIG, RICH WEBSITES. THEY COULD STEAL HIS IDEA.

AND NO ONE WOULD NOTICE. NO ONE IS LOOKING OUT FOR HIM. THAT'S HOW HE WOULD FEEL.

FOR THE SAKE OF COMMUNICATION, AND NOT VIOLATING STATEMENTS THAT YOU HAVE COMMUNICATED IN THE PAST, PLEASE CONTINUE TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE OPEN INTERNET. BEING SILENCED IS DETRIMENTAL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME,

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, REBECCA FURBECK